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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation With John Parisi - SNIE 1/8 - 85

1. On March 6, 1985, I was called by John Parisi, Minority Staff, House Government Operations Committee. Mr. Parisi informed me that on 15 and 16 March, in Miami, Florida, the Committee was going to hold another in its series of hearings, on the problem of drug smuggling into the United States. The first witness would be General Gorman, U.S.A. Ret., immediate past commander of the Southern Command. Mr. Parisi stated that General Gorman would testify that there was a definite and strong interconnection between drug smuggling, arms smuggling and the current situation in Latin America.

2. Mr. Parisi stated that he understood the Agency was preparing a SNIE on this subject and that the SNIE would contradict the General's testimony. He asked if this was true and, if so, for further information. I told him I had no information on the subject but that I would be back in touch with him.

3. [] Acting Chief, Liaison Division, Office of Legislative Liaison and [] C/NID/AG, provided me with the following information.

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4. A SNIE is being prepared on this subject, number "1/8-85." It is, however, in the very early stages of draft so it is impossible to determine what it will finally conclude on the subject.

5. On March 7, I called Mr. Parisi and suggested that perhaps the Committee should proceed with its hearings, letting the General testify however he chose. When the hearings were concluded and the Committee was preparing its report, Mr. Parisi could contact the Agency to discuss the subject if he wished.

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6. Mr. Parisi concurred. He further stated that it appears the Committee is going to recommend further revisions to the posse comitatus statutes to permit the military to play a greater role in the tracking of drug smugglers.

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